

21 December 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 21 December 1979

The Director was at his EOB office; Mr. Carlucci chaired the meeting.

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Lehman expressed growing concern re Iranian volunteers going to Lebanon. He said Iranian volunteers are now in Syria and noted Syria's interest in exploiting the Iraq/Iran situation in favor of the Iranians. McMahon said 15 volunteers are reported to be in southern Lebanon already. Lehman described problems to the U.S. posed by Iranian volunteers in Lebanon and said a paper is in progress on this in response to Mr. Carlucci's request.

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McMahon reported briefly on the following:

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--Election results in Portugal: Mr. Carlucci briefly provided some background.

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--Receipt of a laudatory letter from an applicant (U.S. Army Captain) who offered particular praise for our [redacted] The applicant has withdrawn his interest in joining the Agency because, after serious thought, he's decided CIA has become a political football and that the political bureaucracy is destroying intelligence safeguards. He said this would pose too much danger to him and his family as a CIA employee at home or abroad. [redacted]

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Lipton reported the President's budget decision for 1981 results in a CIAP of [] or real growth [] Mr. Carlucci noted this does not agree with the RMS view re real growth and asked Lipton to forward a memorandum of explanation. Lipton went on to note the Contingency Reserve should not be considered in CIA total funding--that this is a separate account. Lipton said also we are asking for more people and explained how this may be achieved by converting a significant number of part-time positions to full-time positions. He said [] for DDO and additional people for NPIC will be requested in the 1982 budget. Lastly, Lipton said RMS is including [] Supplemental for 1980. The Reserve fund is currently at [] (Action: Comptroller) []

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[] has reported that a [] has been arrested in Portland, Oregon, for wife beating and that he produced a badge identifying himself as a CIA employee. [] said a search reveals that he is not an Agency employee; it is not known how [] acquired such identification. []

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Hitz reported a letter has been received from Senator Jackson outlining hearings to be held in mid-January by the Energy and Natural Resources Committee on the geopolitics of energy. Hitz reported also Bill Miller has reflected SSCI lament on the 1981 intelligence budget figure; the Committee expected a higher figure. []

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Hitz said legislative initiatives re graymail, Agee, and death gratuities will begin again early in the year and that we should be prepared to fully support the Hill's effort. []

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Hitz reported David Aaron and Senators Bayh, Huddleston, and Matthias have agreed to a get-together in January re Charters Legislation. Silver said he will be getting with Bill Miller on this before the get-together. []

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In response to Mr. Carlucci's query, Silver reported on his work re FOIA legislation. Mr. Carlucci suggested that when ready this should probably be taken to the President. Silver noted, however, he is not optimistic that the President will lend much support because of his push for openness in government. Hitz said he does not agree. Mr. Carlucci advised that Silver prepare the legal work and that Hitz shape the message. []

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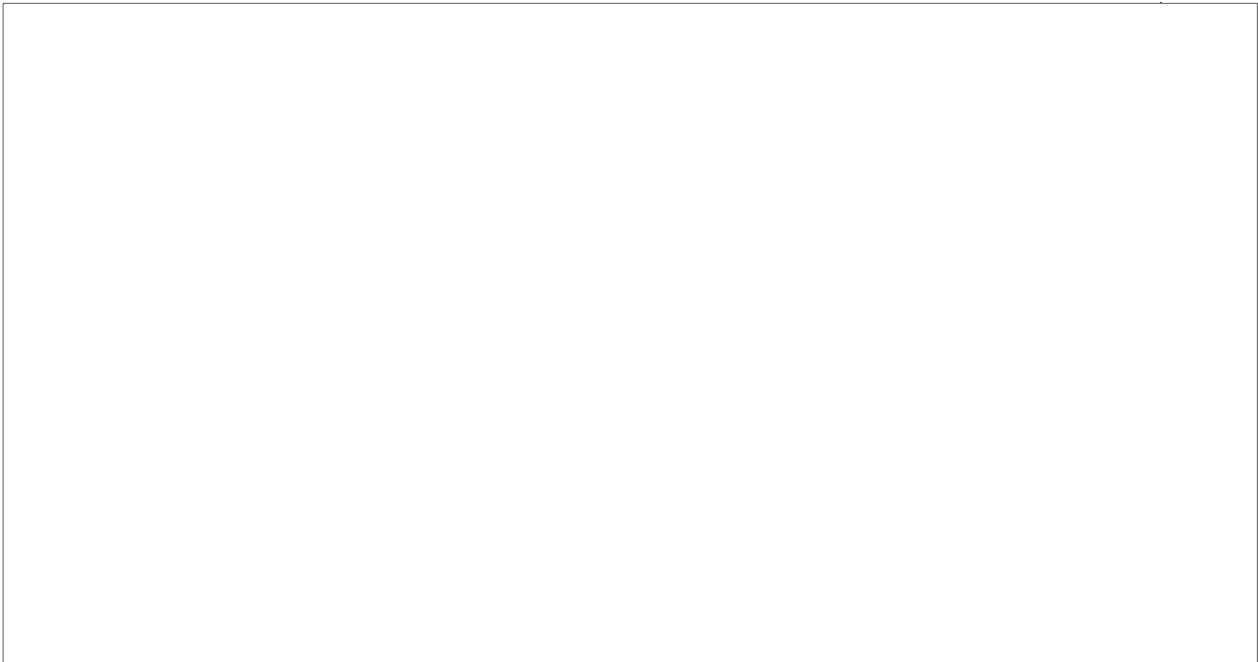
Wortman said [] will be giving up his post as Chairman of the CIA Fine Arts Commission and solicited nominations from members. Wortman discussed briefly with Mr. Carlucci the postmortem underway re the [] Mr. Carlucci offered to phone Ben Read, Under Secretary of State for Management, if Wortman judged this would help. Wortman said he would get back to Mr. Carlucci on this.

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